UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

WENDY HOLSINGER,)
Plaintiff,)
v.) No. 1:16-cv-150
CITIBANK, N.A.,)
Defendant.)))

PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, WENDY HOLSINGER ("Plaintiff"), through her attorneys, alleges the following against Defendant, CITIBANK, N.A. ("Defendant"):

INTRODUCTION

1. This action is brought pursuant to the Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA"), 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. Jurisdiction of this court arises pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 47 U.S.C. § 227.
- 3. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2) as the conduct giving rise to this action occurred in this district as Plaintiff resides in this district and Defendant transacts business in this district.

PARTIES

- 4. Plaintiff is a natural person at times relevant residing in Frederick County, Mount Airy, Maryland.
- 5. Defendant is a business entity with a business office located in New York, New York.

6. Defendant acted through its agents, employees, officers, members, directors, heirs, successors, assigns, principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives, and insurers.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 7. Defendant places collection calls to Plaintiff seeking and attempting to collect on an alleged debt.
- Defendant places collection calls to Plaintiff's cellular telephone at phone number (240)
 674-19XX.
- Defendant places collection calls to Plaintiff from phone numbers including, but not limited to, 816-420-1002.
- 10. Per its prior business practices, Defendant's calls were placed with an automated dialing system ("auto-dialer").
- 11. On or around September 28, 2015 at approximately 12:13 p.m., Plaintiff spoke with Defendant's representative "Rosh" and stated that she no longer wished to receive telephone calls to her cellular telephone.
- 12. Plaintiff revoked any consent, express, implied, or otherwise, to receive automated collection calls from Defendant during the September 28, 2015 phone call.
- 13. Despite Plaintiff's request to cease, Defendant continued to place at least two hundred ninety-three (293) automated calls to Plaintiff without consent to do so over an approximate three-month period between September, 2015 and December, 2015.

COUNT I DEFENDANT VIOLATED THE TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

14. Defendant's actions alleged *supra* constitute numerous negligent violations of the TCPA, entitling Plaintiff to an award of \$500.00 in statutory damages for each and every violation

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pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B).

15. Defendant's actions alleged *supra* constitute numerous and multiple knowing and/or willful violates of the TCPA, entitling Plaintiff to an award of \$1500.00 in statutory damages for each and every violation pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B) and 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(C).

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, WENDY HOLSINGER, respectfully requests judgment be entered against Defendant, CITIBANK, N.A., for the following:

- 16. Statutory damages of \$500.00 for each and every negligent violation of the TCPA pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § (b)(3)(B),
- 17. Statutory damages of \$1500.00 for each and every knowing and/or willful violation of the TCPA pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § (b)(3)(b) and 47 U.S.C. § (b)(3)(C),
 - 18. All court costs, witness fees and other fees incurred,
 - 19. Any other relief that this Honorable Court deems appropriate.

Dated: January 13, 2016 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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